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IMPLEMENTING AN AUTOMATED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

**SYSTEM** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following prior to the Field of the Invention:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority from provisional application 60/155,102 entitled FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM filed September 22, 1999.

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